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Sri C. SUBBARAYUDU :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will try to find out the formula and make it available to the members? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The formula is a very complicated one depending on the cost of raw material, manufacturing charges, depreciation, interest on working capital, return on the fixed capital, the total number of spindles, the number of counts of yarn, etc. It is a very complicated mechanism and the Madras Government have nothing to do with it."

8-50 a.m. Sri R. KRISHNAN :—" Sir, is there any, and if so, what difference between the price of yarn supplied to handlooms and the price of yarn supplied to mills? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" If the hon. Member is referring to composite mills they sometimes get yarn cheaper than the handlooms. The difference is due to extra profits permitted to mills, transit charges and profits allowed to State nominees which sometimes make the yarn costly."

Sri K. V. RAMESAM :—" Will the Government address the Government of India to see that the price of yarn in this State and the other border States is uniform? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think it is uniform. If the hon. Member brings to my notice any difference in price in the State as a result of any outside factor, I will look into it."

Reprinting of Madras Road Traffic Code.

* 355 *Q.*—Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any arrangements are made for bringing out a new edition of the Madras Road Traffic Code;

(*b*) whether the book has been out of stock for nearly a year; and

(*c*) when the new edition is expected?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) It is expected that the new edition will be ready during the second half of 1953."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that there is a large demand for this Code? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The point was that this Code was last printed in 1950. Five thousand copies were printed and we did not expect that it would go out of sale so soon. Since all the copies were exhausted, we are now printing a further 3,000 copies. The printing had to

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be held over because of priority of work due to elections. We have now taken up the work and before the end of 1953 I am sure we will be able to bring out an up to date edition.''

* SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of bringing out a separate edition of only the rules every year? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The suggestion will be considered.''

Relief Works in Ramanathapuram district.

* 357-A *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector about acute famine conditions in Ramanathapuram district;

(*b*) if so, the names of particular areas so affected;

(*c*) what the recommendations of the Collector are to alleviate the conditions;

(*d*) whether these parts were visited by the Famine Commissioner and if so, what recommendations were made by him;

(*e*) the amount applied for by the Collector and the amount sanctioned;

(*f*) the nature of relief works started in these affected parts; and

(*g*) whether kist remissions were made and the taluks for which such remissions were sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The areas affected are parts of Tirupattur, Sattur, Srivilliputtur, Sivaganga, Aruppukottai and Mudukulattur taluks.

" (*c*) The Collector recommended the opening of Minor Irrigation, P.W.D. Irrigation, District Board and Rural Welfare works.

" (*d*) Yes. The Commissioner for Settlement of Estates in charge of Famine visited the district in March 1953. He has recommended that Tiruppattur, Tiruvadanai, Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Mudukulathur, Aruppukottai and the affected parts of Sattur and Srivilliputtur be placed in Group 'C' for scarcity classification, that gruel centres need not however be opened anywhere for the present, that provision of work for the unemployed has to be accelerated from April onwards and that more takkavi loans may have to be given on proper security for private works which can absorb local labour as in the digging of irrigation wells. The Collector of Ramanathapuram has been asked to send a detailed report on the points raised by the Board Member.